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# HYATT REGENCY LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THE JETWAY ROOM 6225 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045

#### **APPEARANCES**

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

- Gavin Newsom, Lieutenant Governor
- Betty T. Yee, State Controller
- Eraina Ortega, Chief Deputy Director and Alternate for Director of the Department of Finance Michael Cohen

# STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Colin Connor, Assistant Executive Officer
- Mark Meier, Chief Counsel

#### REPRESENTING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Andrew Vogel, Deputy Attorney General

**NOTE:** A list of individuals making statements before the Commission and the entities they represent, along with the Executive Officer's Report, are included in a complete transcript of the proceedings, which is on file in the Sacramento offices of the Commission and posted on the Commission's website at www.slc.ca.gov. Also included on the website is the voting record of the meeting with the staff report for each agenda item linked to the respective consent, regular or informational item number. A link to a recorded Cal-span.org webcast of the meeting is also available on the Commission's website. All of these items may be found under Previous Meetings, by date of the meeting.

# RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2017

Chair Gavin Newsom called the meeting of the California State Lands Commission to order at 12:07 P.M. at the Hyatt Regency Los Angeles International Airport, The Jetway Room, 6225 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90045; also present were Commissioner Betty Yee and Commissioner Alternate Eraina Ortega.

The Minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting were approved by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

# **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Assistant Executive Officer Colin Connor updated the Commission on the following items:

- The Legislature approved the State's 2017-18 budget. The Commission's budget is \$49.945 million. This is an increase over the \$39.254 million proposed by the Governor in January. The increase is largely attributed to new appropriations of approximately \$10 million to start the oil and gas well plugging and abandonment activities on Venoco's quitclaimed leases, including Platform Holly and Ellwood Beach piers. Other notable budget highlights include \$1.4 million for the abandonment of the Becker Onshore Well, and \$1 million for operations and management of the Bolsa Chica Lowlands Restoration Project in Orange County.
- The 2017 Biennial Report on the California Marine Invasive Species Program was amended. After finalizing and submitting the 2017 Biennial Report to the Legislature, Commission staff discovered an error with one of the database queries that was used for analyzing the data for the first half of 2016, which was referred to in the report as 2016A. Commission staff decided to correct the report to reflect the actual ballast water discharge and compliance numbers during this period.
- The San Diego Ocean Planning Partnership with the Port of San Diego is moving forward with data collection, stakeholder engagement, and outreach.
- Dennis Vogel has been named the Marine Environmental Protection Division's new Assistant Chief.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Consent Items C37, C57, C61, and C72 were removed from consideration.
- Consent Items C01-C36, C38-C56, C58-C60, C62-C71, C73, and C74 were approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

#### **INFORMATIONAL CALENDAR**

Item 75 – was informational – no vote required.

# **REGULAR CALENDAR**

**ITEM 76:** A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider acknowledgment of the Commission's ongoing actions to ensure the safety of offshore State Oil and Gas Lease Nos. PRC 421.1, PRC 3120.1, PRC 3242.1, and provide a status update relating to Venoco, LLC's Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, offshore Santa Barbara County.

Item 76 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

**ITEM 77:** A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider a resolution supporting the nomination of Owens Lake, located in Inyo County, to the National Register of Historic Places as an Archaeological District possessing significant cultural value to local Native American Tribes, and direct staff to take any appropriate actions, on behalf of the Commission, to participate in the development of a nomination and resources management plan.

Item 77 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes).

**ITEM 78:** A staff presentation was made to the Commission to consider a resolution opposing the Presidential Executive Order "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy," which establishes a policy to encourage energy exploration and production on the outer continental shelf.

Item 78 – was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Newsom-Yes; Yee-Yes; Ortega-Yes)

**ITEM 79** – An informational staff presentation was made to the Commission to report on efforts to update the Commission's Environmental Justice Policy.

Item 79 – was informational – no vote required.

(The State Lands Commission adjourned into closed session from 1:15 P.M. to 2:04 P.M., then resumed open session at 2:05 P.M.)

The Commission meeting public session was adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

# STAFF AND PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR ITEMS JUNE 22, 2017

#### <u>ITEM 76</u>

Seth Blackmon, Senior Attorney, Legal Division, CSLC

# **ITEM 77**

Grace Kato, Assistant Chief, Land Management Division, CSLC

- Kathy Jefferson Bancroft, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation
- Phillip Kiddoo, Executive Officer and Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
- Terrie Robinson, General Counsel, Native American Heritage Commission

#### **ITEM 78**

Sheri Pemberton, Chief, External Affairs Division, CSLC

• Graham Hamilton, Chapter Coordinator, Surfrider Foundation

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Geever, resident of Marina, CA